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1. In early 1955, Soviet specialists arrived in Bulgaria for training the Army in atomic defense. In early March, small scale atomic defense maneuvers including jets were held near Sofia. The maneuvers stressed dispersal. 25X1
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2. The inspection of all large Bulgarian military headquarters by 14 to 30 high ranking Soviet officers began in the middle of February and was still underway in early April.
3. The building next to the Greek Legation in Sofia is being renovated to house the "Service for International Military Relations." 25X1
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this will be the headquarters for joint Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian military staff under Soviet supervision. Marshal Ivan Stepanovich Konev is rumored to head the Southern Joint Soviet-Satellite Military Command and Marshal Konstanty Konstantin Rokossovski to head the northern command.2
4. Starting late January 1955, the mobilization forms issued to reserved were green for soldiers, and red for officers. The forms contain a code symbol for assignment to be revealed at the time of mobilization. The reserves included ages 18-50 and are organized in 12 divisions.
5. Bulgaria now has two full strength armored divisions: one at Kazanlık, and one near Sofia. The divisions are armed with Soviet T-34 tanks.3

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6, 6. [] changes in the 3 Army:

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- a. The 3 Army Artillery Headquarters moved from Sliven to Kolarovgrad in early March; part of the divisional artillery in Kolarovgrad moved to Silistra or Tutrakan;
 - b. As a result of the March 1955 military strength increase in Ruse, forces there are now at division strength; and
 - c. Lieutenant General Dobri M. Dzhurov, 3 Army Commander, has been replaced by an unidentified officer.
7. Lieutenant General Petăr Iliev, former head of the "Khristo Botev" Reserve Officers School, is now assigned to the General Staff as Chief of Anti-aircraft Defense.⁴

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2. [] a delegation of high ranking Soviet officers had arrived in Sofia. presumably to define the question of a unified command. [] a military mission composed of officers from the various satellite states would arrive in Sofia by the end of January 1955, and would probably be headed by Marshal Rokosovski. 25X1

3. Probably the 5 Tank Division in Kazanluk, and the 9 Tank Division in Gorna Banya.

4. [] General Iliev had been released from command of the "Khristo Botev" Officers School in Turnovo and was at present head of PVKHO (Protivo-Vuzdushna, Khimicheska Otbrana; Antiaircraft and Chemical Warfare Defense). 25X1

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